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ASSOCIATION.

1888.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CHICKASAW

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH—

Salem Baptist Church,

MARSHALL COUNTY, MISS.,

Held September 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1888.

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NEXT SESSION.

Tuesday before the 3rd Sabbath in September 1889, with Friendship Church, Pontotoc County. Introductory Sermon, R. A. Cooper, W. P. Winter, Alternate.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thos Gandy, John Byers, L. A. Logan, W. S. Wooten, Jno Robbins, John Carter, John Littlejohn, A. R. Owens, N. M. Berry, E. McGregor, W. P. Dickson, W. L. Souter, Geo. Williams, W. A. Funk, C. O. Potter, W. Hancock, T. J. Swain, S. C. Darden, K. C. Morgan, Geo Sibley, W. Geter, Willie Robbins, H. H. Kirk, J. B. Reid, J. W. Boatright, N. Harrall, J. W. Powell, J. L. Calfee,; J. Sullivan, L. Blaylock, J. H. Rhea, Walter Souter, W. Bratton, J. N. Dodds, J. Nunnelly, W. P. Winter, J. W. Tate, C. B. Clark, Jeff Rodgers.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—D. C. M. Bigham.
Mississippi College and Education—F. Souter.
Foreign Missions—R. A. Cooper.
Sabbath Schools—M. L. Henry.
Prohibition—C. W. Smith.
State of Religion—Isaac Smith
Documents and Publications—J. T. Pitts.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D C M Bigham	Cherry Creek	Miss.
R A Cooper	New Albany	"
W R Farrow	Cornersville	"
F. M. Ferrell	Toccopola	"
J L Furguson	Dallas	"

W C Gillen	Cornersville	"
T Gorley	Randolph	"
A J Gaines	Waterford	"
L G Legget	———	——
W H Miller	Oxford	"
E C Mahan	Thaxton	"
J H Morgan	Bethlehem	"
G E Murphy	LaFayette Springs	"
J W Potter	Cherry Creek	"
J T Pitts	"	"
G S Robbins	Esperanza	"
G W Riley	Myrtle	"
W A Rodgers	Pontotoc	"
J P Rodgers	Waterford	"
I Smith	Wallerville	"
W N Swain	Darden	"
S M Stewart	———	——
W N Swain Sr	———	——
C W Smith	Toccopola	"
F M Vines	LaFayette Springs	"
W P Winter	Toccopola	"
P P Watts	Dallas	"

LICENTIATES.

T R Black	Cherry Creek	Miss.
C B Clark	Beulah	"
J L Calfee	Dallas	"
S C Darden	Darden	"
J J Gibson	Oxford	"
W L Mullins	Dallas	"
R R Purvis	Oxford	"
J H Rhea	Toccopola	"
J L C Vann	Abbeville	"
N J Weaver	Pontotoc	"

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2nd. Call for Correspondence.
3rd. Call for Report of Standing Committees.
1st. State Missions.
2nd. Miss. College and Education.
3rd. Foreign Missions.
4th. Report of Executive Committee and Colporture.

5th. Sabbath Schools.
6th. Prohibition.
7th. State of Religion.
8th. Documents and Publications.
4th. Report on Finance.
5th. Report of Treasurer.
6th. Determine place of next meeting.
7th. Elect Minister to preach Introductory sermon.
8th. Appoint Correspondence.
9th. Appoint standing committees.
10th General Business.

The Chickasaw Association met in its Forty-Ninth Session, with Salem Church Marshall County, Miss, on Friday the 14th of September 1888

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. W. Smith; Text. Rom. 8:2. Subject, "Our need of the spirit."

After the sermon the congregation was dismissed until 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 2 o'clock. Moderator read the 103 Ps. Prayer by Eld. I. Smith. Letters from the Churches were called for and read by Bro. W. L. Souter and John W. Powell.

Some letters were presented not using the form furnished in the minutes. On motion these were received and read.

The Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensueing year. On motion the rule of election by ballot was suspended and the following officers elected by acclamation, viz:

Eld. G. W. Potter, Moderator; F. M. Ferrell, Clerk and N. M. Berry, Treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed:

ORDER OF BUSINESS—F. Souter, R. A. Cooper, W. R. Spencer.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—W L Souter, H. D. Blaylock, Jno W. Powell, W. R. Spencer with the Deacons of Salem Church.

The delegates from Bethel, L. C. being present without a letter from their Church, were on motion received.

The Devotional Committee made the following report, at Cornersville 7, p. m. G. W. Potter, R. A. Cooper, alt. At Bethlehem, 7 p. m. C. W. Smith, W. P. Winter, alt.

Committee on Order of Business made the following report: On motion the report was adopted:

Cornersville 7, p. m. G. W. Potter, R. A. Cooper, alt. At Bethlehem, 7 p. m. C. W. Smith, W. P. Winter, alt.

Committee on Order of Business made the following report: On motion the report was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Call for Petitionary Leters.
2nd. Call for Correspondence.
3rd. Call for Report of Standing Committees.
1st. State Missions.
2nd. Miss College and Education.
3rd. Foreign Missions.
4th. Report of Executive Committee.
5th. Sabbath school.
6th. Temperance.
7th. State of Religion.
8th. Documents and Publications.
4th. Report on Finance.
5th. Report of Treasurer.
6th. Determine place of holding next meeting.
7th. Elect Minister to preach introductory sermon.
8th. Appoint Correspondence.
9th. Appoint standing committee.
10th. General Business.

Resp't. submitted, F. SOUTER, CHM'N.

On motion adjourned until Saturday 8:30 a. m. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Riley.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association resumed business at 8:30. Moderator read 27 Ps. Prayer by Eld. J. T. Pitts.

Minutes of 1st day read, corrected and approved. On motion the report on Order of Business was amended by inserting call for report of Executive Committee and Colportage work after report on Foreign Mission.

Call for Petitionary Letters. Letter was presented by Old Oak Grove Church. On motion the Church was received into the fellowship of the Association.

Call for Correspondence. The following were received:—Convention Board—L Ball. Aberdeen Association—H. W. Lantrip. Tippah—H L Finley, M W Darden. Coldwater—D J Youug.

Call for Reports of standing committees. The report on State Missions, prepared by Bro J T Brown, read by A J Gains, discussed by A J Gains L Ball, C W Smith. W R Farrow, F Souter, W P Winters, H L Finley. On motion adjourned to 1 p. m. Prayer by L Ball.

EVENING SESSION

Association met at 1 p. m. The discussion was continued by J W Boatright, R A Cooper. On motion the report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Our work is moving on grandly in the State. God is with us. There seems to be an increasing interest in State Missions; 17,000 baptisms reported, white and colored. And a membership of over 200,000. Our mighty Baptist Army is steadily advancing, and our watchword is: "Christ and the Bible forever." Our State Board is in a prosperous condition. 64 Missionaries have been employed; $37,000 has been collected for mission and education. Our Missionaries are doing a grand work in the Mississippi Bottom. Peace and harmony prevail, and a growing desire to do greater things for the Master. Let us work while it is called to-day. Let us not cease our efforts until every city, town, and hamlet, and every nook and corner of our great State has had the Gospel preached unto them, and indoctrinated in the grand truths committed unto us through his sacred word.

Resp't. submitted,
JOHN T. BROWN.

Devotional Committee made the following report:—

Salem, Sunday at 11 a. m. L. Ball. Cornersville, Sunday at 11 a. m. H. L. Finley. Bethlehem, Sunday at 11 a. m. R. A. Cooper. Macedonia, Sunday at 11 a. m. J. L. Furguson. Philadelphia, Sunday at 11 a. m. G. W. Riley. Baptist Hill (Col.) Sunday at 11 a. m. W. P. Winter. Antioch, Sunday at 11 a. m. J. T. Pitts. Ladies Missionary Society at Salem, 9½ a. m. Bethlehem, Sunday night, C. W. Smith. Salem, Sunday night, F. M. Ferrell. Cornersville, Sunday night, J. L. Furguson. Antioch, Sunday night, W. P. Winters.

Moderator appointed following Committee on Finance: J. F. Coleman, J. S. Calfee, J. T. Brown.

The Committee on Mississippi College and Eduacation made their report. After discussion by R. A. Cooper, L. Ball, H. L. Finley, C. W. Smith and J. T. Pitts, was on motion adopted.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Mississipppi College and Education would submit the following: The work which God has specially placed on christians is to persuade men to be reconciled to God. Education is the hand-maiden of christianity. Christianity delights in the labor of all her servents, but especially in the work of her servant, Education. As a token of such appreciation our Baptist fathers were moved to establish our Mississippi College at Clinton. The object therefore of Mississippi College is to give christian education to our young men. Ministers are not the only men who need christian education. Our merchants, our farmers, our lawyers and our doctors need it. Mississippi College was established to do this very work, and she is doing it grandly. Be it remembered that at Clinton special help is provided for God-called young men who are poor; "For ye see your calling brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." Who can say that our fathers were not God-directed to supply the wants of these poor but God called ministers? Dear Brethren, we should be fellow-helpers in every good work.

To this end let us give to Mississippi College our prayers, our patronage and contributions.

Respectfully.

R. A. COOPER.

The Committee on Foreign Missions read the report of State Convention and asked its adoption. Remarks were made by L. Ball and R. A. Cooper. On motion adjourned till 8:30 a. m. Monday. Prayer by R. A. Cooper.

THIRD DAY—SABBATH.

The appointments of the Devotional Committee were filled by ministers appointed to the several churches named.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 8:30 a. m. Moderator read 34th Ps. Prayer by H. L. Finley. Resumed the discussion of report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by Thos. R. Blalock, J. W. Powell and J. T. Pitts. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While the Baptists of Mississippi may congratulate themselves on having done more for Foreign Missions this year than ever before, this has not been the case with all our Southern

States. On the contrary, there has been a falling off in the total amount received this year, from all the churches, of some $1,400. Only $86,400 received this year as against $87,800 received last year. True, our Foreign Mission Board is out of debt; but it is not because more money has been given by the churches, but because the necessities of the Mission stations have not been met. The places of the dying Missionaries, and the returning Missionaries have not been filled, therefore our Board is out of debt.

Again, our mission work has been much hindered for want of laborers to man properly the various stations, so that at many points the work is sadly neglected. While all around those stations are wide open doors and inviting fields, that our Missionaries long and beg to enter, but cannot, for want of help from home churches.

MISSIONS PROSPERING.

Still for all these hindrances, our missions are prospering, and the faithful work of our Missionaries is bearing good fruit. Over 315 baptisms are reported this year, against 215 last year. This is much the largest annual gain we have ever had.

MEXICO.

Our Mexican Mission is still ablaze of light. It was begun in 1880, and now we have 8 churches, with 500 members; 210 baptisms last year. The work here is among the best class of people. Mr. Bustanantte, an ex-Governor of San Louis, Potosi, has thrown open all his ranches, covering territory nearly as large as Tennesse, and invited Bro. Powell to preach in them, and orders all his employees to assist Bro. Powell in his work. Bro. Powell says of this act; "It gives us an opening never eqaled in this country;" and referring to this with the other needs of the mission he appeals: "Now I must be reinforced. If we don't cultivate this field it will be given to those who will. What answer will you signal back from Richmond? Shall I be left? Shall I yet see this great man, whose influence is felt in every part of the Republic, now such an ardent friend, become chilled through the indifference of Baptists at home? I can not, I will not believe it. Such a golden opportunity will not be lost."

BRAZIL.

This mission has prospered. Here Romanism is strong and persecution bitter. The mission was begun in Santa Bar-

bara 8 years ago; now we have also churches in Rio, in Bahia, Macein and Pernambuco; membership 210; baptized last year 49. Bro. Taylor appeals for aid to build two church houses, one in Rio, and one in Bahia; "where rents are enormous and landlords extortioners." Also for men to supply the little churches at Macein and Pernambuco; and also to open a mission in Para at the mouth of the Amazon. These are all very large and populous cities. He closes his appeal thus: "O! ye christians who dwell in carpeted and ceiled houses; whom God has blessed with abundance, show a brother's love, and let the remote bounds of heathendom feel its warm impulse."

ITALY.

This mission was begun about 16 years ago. We have now two church buildings, 13 organized churches, located in some of the very largest cities, in Rome, Venice, Naples, Milan and others; have two missionaries, twelve native preachers, three hundred and fifty church members in all, of whom about 40 were baptized last year.

AFRICA.

Our Misson at Lages was begun in 1850; was broken up in 1866 because of wars at home and abroad, and re-organized in 1875, under Bro. W. J. David. We have now 5 stations extending from Lages on the coast to Ogbomoshaw, a large city 200 miles in the interior. Baptized last year 13; membership 149. Only three missionaries and their wives are on duty in this mission now; and Bro. David appeals for money to build church houses, and for 12 men and their wives to occupy our present five stations, and other large cities along the road between these stations, from which, he says, as starting points can be reached near 25,000,000 of people now without the gospel. I quote part of his appeal:

"NOT NOW." "During the 7 days horseback journey from Lages to Ogbomoshaw, we passed scores of thriving and populous town, whose inhabitants joyfully welcomed us, hospitably entertained us, and earnestly urged us to make our abode among them. It filled our hearts with grief, and our eyes with tears, to reply to their oft repeated invitations: "Not Now, our laborers are few." Oh! the depth and eternity of sorrow in those words to these millions of souls, who are rapidly hastening to that night which has no end. Oh, Christian ones! "Not Now,"

can you be taught the way of life? "Not Now," can angels rejoice over your salvation?" Glad to say a brother from Mississippi will go to this field soon.

CHINA.

In China our missions still prosper, though bereaved by sickness and by death. Mrs. R. H. Graves, after being a faithful laborer 16 years, returned to America in broken health only to die. Bro. Davault has died; died at his post, after sending to us across the ocean a last message in three piteous words, Help! Help! Help! Not help for himself, but help for the perishing millions of China. Dr. Yates also is dead; dead on the ground he has so enriched with his toils and prayers forty years. His last work was the translation of the Testament into the Shanghai Colloquial, to be read by 20,000,000 of people; a blessed gift, well rounding up a great life. These deaths, and the return of other Missionaries leave us two men and two women, in the Shangtung province, of 29,000,000 heathens: in the Shanghai Mission two men and three women represent us among a like number; while in the Canton Mission, we have one man and four women Missionaries, among 20,000,000 heathens. These Missions have a membership of 727 native converts; baptized 40.

APPEALS FOR HELP. From our China Mission also come appeals for help, not only from the dying Davault, but also from every part of the field. We can only refer to one, the appeal from Mrs. Crawford. She is appealing in behalf of 29,000,000, people of Shantung, and wants fifteen men and fifteen women for this province; she begs of all earnest mission workers for their sympathies and prayers, "for fifteen men and fifteen women for Shantung." "The God," she pleads, "who has heard the prayers of others in similar cases, is our God, and will hear the prayer of faith. But for this trust, our hearts had long ago fainted. Then let us have your prayers and your men and your women, to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty"

HELP TO BE SENT. In answer to the above appeals, and at the command of our Convention of Southern Baptists, eleven young men and three young women have been accepted by the Board, and are soon to go out to re-inforce our enfeebled stations. Among these are three from our state, Brethren W. T. Lumbley, J. G. Chastain and A. C. Watkins. These with W. J. David, J. H. Eager and E. Z. Simmons who are already in the field, will, I trust, well represent Mississippi Baptists in Foreign Mission work.

INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED. To support the additional Missionaries, a larger amount of money is needed this year than was received by the Board last year. Now, therefore, the Board asks for $120,000, for the coming years work. Of this amount $8,000 is asked of the Baptists of Mississippi; and your committee believe that in view of our solemn duty to Christ, and in answer to the open doors and dying cries, that this is not more than we ought to give. We number now in Mississippi, 72,000 white Baptists; are mostly in comfortable circumstances; we are able to spend, and do spend, nearly $300,000 a year in some way, furthering the gospel in our own state, where only 1,200,000 people live; one-third of whom are members of Christian churches. Then surely $8,000 is none too much, but far too little for us to give to teach the gospel to 250,000,000 Catholics, who have but little gospel light and 800,000,000 pagans who have absolutely none at all.

LIGHT AND PRAYERS NEEDED. Your Committee believes that our people need to be taught the necessities and wants of Mission fields, that in obedience to Christ's command they may "lift up their eyes and look upon the fields," also that earnest and continued prayer in this behalf, by Christians, should every where be made. This would be in obedience to the second command of Christ in this matter, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1st. That we make an honest effort to raise the amount asked of us by the Foreign Mission Board.

2nd. That we earnestly request our pastors to take this matter in hand, and endeavor in such ways as they may deem wise and prudent, by prayer and instruction, to bring up their churches to the full measure of their duty in this matter.

3rd. That we recommend our churches to begin, and faithfully observe a monthly concert of prayer for Missions, that God would bless our Mission work and grant the heathen his salvation. Lastly, we recommend to our Pastors the circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal among their churches, as a most effectual means of causing them to "look upon the field."

Respectfully Submitted,
J. T. PITTS.

Call for report of Executive Board. Report not prepared.

Call for report on Sabbath-school. Committee not present.

Call for report on Temperance. Committee on Temperance made their report. The report was discussed by W. P.

Winter, J. W. Boatright, J. L. Calfee, H. L. Finley, J. T. Pitts

On motion strike out the recommendation in regard to exclusion. On motion the report as amended was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The criminality of the liquor traffic is no longer debatable ground. Even the U. S. Supreme Court says: "We cannot shut out of view the fact within the knowledge of all that public health, public morals, and public safety may be endangered by the general use of intoxitating drinks; nor the fact established by statistics accessible to every one that the idleness, disorder, pauperism and crime existing in the country are in some degree at least traceable to this evil." Inasmuch as the liquor traffic is costing the people of this nation nine hundred and ten million dollars annually, causing eight hundred thousand paupers to be supported at the annual cost of one hundred million dollars and three hundred thousand thieves, "and waste of time and industry estimated at two hundred and ninety-six million dollars, and forty million bushels of grain used in its manufacture, and it being the cause of four fifths of the crimes committed in our land, and its cost being equal to all the means expended annually for both educative and christian purposes." Therefore we earnestly recommend that all christians use their best efforts to its overthrow. That their influence, prayers, and votes be directed against this soul-destroying national curse.

Respectfully submitted, W. P. WINTER.

On motion Eld. W. M. Woodson, (col.,) was received as visitor from Holly Springs Association, (col.,) asking brethren to visit and instruct them. The Executive Committee made their report, and Colporturer also submitted his report. Remarks were made by W. P. Winter and C. W. Smith. On motion the reports as read was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board begs leave to report that soon after their appointment at your last session at New Albany, they met and organized. We have had several meetings since. Your board was impressed that the first and greatest work developing upon them, was to get all our churches to allign themselves with the objects of our State Convention, or in other words to make stated contributions for the different objects and that

they be urged to unite their prayers with ours for the success of the Board in advancing these results. Having this object in view, most, if not all the churches have been visited in person by a member of the board, where any church has not had such a visit, it was not so intended. It is gratifying to be able to state that the churches have kindly received the messages carried by the members of the Board, and hope that an interest has been excited that will in the near future yield fruit to the glory of the Master. As a further auxiliary, promoting these ends, your Board employed Elder W. P. Winter, for one-half his time, from April to 1st of October, at a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars. He has traveled and preached to the people, visited them at their homes, preached with and for them, sold them Bibles and Testaments and other religious literature. He has been cordially received and invited to come again, and his labors we believe will do much good work of development. We regard this work as an important factor in keeping the mission work and its importance before the churches. We recommend your future Board to employ Bro. Winter or some other live colporturer the next year. In conclusion we have to say that all our hopes have not been realized, but feel that some progress has been made and we trust, that the churches will soon make an advance movement in liberal contributions to the cause of missions, education, etc. Dear Brother pastors continue to help the board by preaching missions and exhorting to pray for missions, and asking them for contributions each quarter. Many small streams make up the great rivers, and so will many small amounts run up sums sufficient to sustain many more laborers both in the home and foreign fields now white unto the harvest. Dear Brethen, all, let us remember the great sacrifice Jesus our Saviour made for us, who, Himself was rich, but became poor that we poor sinners might be rich. Oh! may his love "constrain us" to give more liberally of our means than ever before. We say this, because of the great opportunities afforded us to send the gospel to the destitute. If we falter now and fail to discharge our duty, can we hope or pray for God's blessings, either spiritual or temporal, to rest upon us as His people?

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. SPENCER, Ch'n.

COLPORTAGE WORK.

Dear Brethren, since April 1st, when we commenced work as colporturer and missionary, we have visited about half the churches in our Association, and we find the work to be of great

importance. Our Association was some time ago declared evangelized, but we think the work should be resumed as some of our churches have been on the decline in the spirit of missions, and perhaps one great cause is a lack of religious literature. We have sold $120.00 worth of Bibles, Testaments and Baptist literature. The demand is great among our Brethren for Baptist literature. But we commenced the work when our Brethren were not prepared to supply the demand with such literature as is needed. We think that a colporturer might do a better work in the future than the present one has done in the past, therefore we think the work should be continued.

Respt submitted,
W. P. WINTER.

Following resolution presented by Bro. F. Souter: Whereas, Christian mission work within this Association, shows increase of interest, but not what it should be, and, whereas, we believe that to have a member on the Ex. Board from each church in the Association will greatly facilitate the work of missions among us. Therefore

Besolved that the following Brethren be appointed on the Ex. Board: Antioch, T. Gandy; Amaziah, J. Byers; Abbeville, A. Logan; Bethel, (L.) W. S. Wooten; Bethel, (U.) J. Robbins; Bluff Springs, John Carter; Bay Springs, John Littlejohn; Cypress Creek, A. K. Owens; Cherry Creek, N. M. Berry; Cary Springs, E. McGregor; Duncan Creek, W. P. Dickson; Friendship, W. L. Souter; Fredonia, Geo. Williams; Liberty, W. A. Funk; Mount Pleasant, C. O. Potter; Mount Pisgah, W. Hancock; Myrtle, T. I. Swain; Macedonia, S. C. Darden. Midway, K. C. Morgan; New Hope, Geo. Sibley; Turnpike, W. Jeter; New Prospect, Willie Robbins; Salem, H. H. Kirk; Pleasant Hill, J. B. Reid; Temperance Hill, J. W. Boatright; Spring Creek, N. Harrall; Poplar Springs, J. W. Powell; Union, J. L. Calfee; Pleasant Dale, Joe Sullivan; Shiloh, Levi Blalock; Piney Grove, J. H. Rhea; Spring Hill, Walter Souter; New Albany, Wm. Bratton; Oak Grove, J. N. Dodds; Philadelphia, Joe Nunnaly; Toccopola, W. P. Winter; Zion Hill, J. W. Tate; Old Oak Grove, C. B. Clark; Shady Grove, Jeff Rodgers.

Resolved further that said Board be authorized to organize instantly, or as soon as convenient with such members as can be called together, and notify all members not present of their appointment.

Resolved further that each member is expected to attend all meetings of the Board, but the Pres't with four members will constitute a quorum to transact business.

A quilt made by the ladies missionary society of New Albany, was shown by Eld. R. A. Cooper and bought by the Association for $12.55, and the money appropriated as the society wished, i. e., ministerial education. On motion the quilt was presented to W. R. Farrow.

On motion the report on Sabbath-schools was deferred.

The report on state of religion was read by the committee. On motion the report was adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We report prosperity generally among the churches of the Chickasaw Association, more than two hundred accessions by baptism were reported by the letters from the different churches. We note with pleasure that most of the churches have had revivals among their members; we think that the spirit of religion is good, and our churches are being educated to co-operate with our mission work, and from what we have seen and heard since this body has met together, we find a more determined mind among some of the leading members to do more faithful work for the Master's cause. That shows more conclusive to my mind, that the state of religion is on a more progressive plan. Therefore we all ought to be earnestly engaged in the work of our Master. And furthermore when we find our sisters are taking such an active part in a great, grand and good work, we can safely say that religion is advancing to a higher and more elevated plane, where we hope and pray to see it. And furthermore while we have the blessed promise, if we ask anything in His name, He will do it. Let us claim that promise and receive the blessing for all of which let us thank God.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. MORGAN.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1 p. m., prayer by J. L. Ferguson.

EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 1 p. m., congregation sang, "How Firm a Foundation," prayer by H. W. Lantrip. Report on Documents and Publications was read by F. M. Ferrell. Remarks were made by L. Ball, J. T. Pitts, F. M. Ferrell, W. P. Winter and C. W. Smith. On motion the report was amended by adding "that the Clerk be allowed $10.00 for his services." On motion the report as amended was adopted.

Committee on nominations made the following report. Your committee on Nominations submit the following: To preach introductory sermon, Eld. R. A. Cooper; Eld. W. P. Winter, Alternate. J. W. BOATRIGHT, Chm'n.

On motion the report was adopted.

Appointed the following correspondence:

ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION:—F. Souter, W. L. Souter, J. T. Pitts, J. W. Powell, F. M. Ferrell, C. W. Smith, N. M. Berry, G. W. Potter, W. P. Winter,.

CALHOUN:—J. L. Calfee, J. W. Powell, W. L. Souter, F. M. Ferrell, J. S. Duncan.

COLDWATER:—C. W. Smith, H. D. Blaylock, A. J. Gaines, J. T. Brown, W. P. Winter, J. M. Shadrack, F. Souter, W. L. Souter, J. McC. Tucker, J. H. Morgan, F. M. Ferrell, G. W. Potter, R. A. Cooper.

JUDSON:—J. T. Pitts, I. Smith, John Littlejohn, J. McC. Tucker, J. H. Morgan.

WEST JUDSON:—I Smith, J. F. Coleman, J. T. Pitts, L. W. Huffstickler, J. McC. Tucker, W. R. Spencer, N. M. Berry, B. J. Caldwell, R. A. Cooper, G. W. Potter.

OXFORD:—H. D. Blaylock, J. W. Powell, K. C. Morgan, C. W. Smith, U. Temple.

TIPPAH:—G. W. Riley, R. A. Cooper, J. W. Boatright, Tho. Swain.

TISHOMINGO:—F. Souter, J. L. Furguson.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION:—R. A. Cooper, J. W. Powell, C. W. Smith, N. M. Berry, I. Smith, A. J Gaines, F. Souter, H. D. Blaylock, W. L. Souter, F. A. Logan, J. L. Furguson, G. W. Potter, F. M. Ferrell, W. P. Winter, J. T. Brown, J. McC. Tucker, C. W. Conlee, J. H. Morgan, J. F. Coleman.

On motion Bro. I. Smith was appointed to represent the Association in Southern Baptist Convention and C. W. Smith, Alt.

The following brethren were appointed to visit the Holly Springs Association, (col.)—A. J. Gains, R. A. Cooper, H. D. Blaylock, W. L. Souter, Sam Duncan, J. L. Furguson, W. P. Winter, J. W. Boatright, Jesse Haney, John Littlejohn, G. W. Potter.

Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1st. State Missions:—D. C. M. Bigham.
2nd. Mississippi College and Education:—F. Souter.
3rd. Foreign Missions:—R. A. Cooper.
4th, Sabbath Schools:—M. L. Henry.
5th. Prohibition:—C. W. Smith.
6th. State of Religion:—I. Smith.
7th. Documents and Publications:—J. T. Pitts.

On motion strike out the word temperance and use the word prohibition as subject of report. The following resolution was offered by R. A. Cooper, and after speeches by R. A. Cooper, J. L. Furguson and H. L Finley, was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that each church ought to have the Bible taught at its place of meeting every Sunday.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered this church and community for the hospitality with which they have entertained us.

On motion the time of meeting of the Association be changed from the present day, Friday, to Tuesday before the third Sabbath in September.

Whereas we believe that this Brotherhood are willing to discharge every christian duty when fully convinced what that duty is, and whereas our often coming together and speaking one to another will greatly aid us in obtaining this knowledge. Therefore we hereby recommed our Executive Board to meet every fifth Sunday and Saturday before to discuss christian work.

On motion adjourned to meet with Friendship Church, on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in September, 1889.

G. W. POTTER, Mod.

F. M. FERRELL, Clerk.

The Union meeting of the First District will be held with the church at Liberty, seven miles south of New Albany, commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, A. D., 1889. Eld. R. A. Cooper to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. G. W. Potter alternate.

ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS.

ESSAYS.

N. M. Berry—Of what wrong does Paul acknowledge himself guilty, and for what does he ask forgivness, in 2 Cor. 11th chapter 13 verse?

W. L. Souter--What should be done with a church member who persistently neglects or refuses to aid in the support of the church?

J. D. Potter—What should a church do with a member who engages in card playing, dancing or dram-drinking, whether to intoxication or not?

J. A. Rogers—What should be done with a church member

who votes to license saloons, or signs a petition for saloon license?

B. J. Caldwell--Why am I a Baptist?

Eld. R. A. Cooper—The Bible plan for extending and supporting the mission work by the churches.

M. L. Henry—Should a brother be the husband of one wife when ordained to the office of Deacon, and if he has a wife should she be a Baptist?

QUERIES.

1. Has a member of one church the scriptural right to partake of the Lord's Supper in another church?

2. Was Judas Iscariot at the institution of the Lord's Supper?

I. SMITH, Mod.

M. L. HENRY, Clerk.

The Union Meeting of the Second District will meet with Bay Springs church, 2½ miles south of Holder P. O., Lafayette county, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1889 F. M. Vines to preach the Introductory sermon G. E. Murphy, alt. The following Brethren were appointed to write on subjects viz:

1. Which precedes, Faith or Repentance?—K. C. Morgan.
2. Has a minister the scriptural right to organize a church without the help of other ministers? –S. C. Darden.
3. Why was John spoken of as John the Baptist, in the third chapter of Matthew.—A. N. Singleton.
4. Christian Work—J. W. Boatright.
5. Mission Work—C. W. Smith.
6. The Work of Deacons--J. T. Brown.
7. Prayer—H Morgan.

QURIES.

1. What is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost or unpardonable sin?

2. Which is the least commandent?

F. SOUTER, Moderator.

A. N. SINGLETON, Clerk.

Those who are selected to write essays will please have them on hand at the next meeting of this body.

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Books are sources of supply of mind food. By reading we feed the mind, and that which a man reads habitually, he assimilates, and though it may be unconsciously, it becomes a part of

himself, or rather he is but a compilation. A living edition of that which he has gathered from those after whom he has read. As the reading and the hearing the doctrines of Jesus Christ make christians prominently set forth by the Apostle Paul in such expressions as: "If the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation," and "how can they believe on Him of whom they have not heard." And the truth of this manifest in His preaching to those who had not heard, and His writing of the way of life, and of instruction, and of exhortation to those who had believed. Give us a conception of His estimate of reading and hearing. Let us learn the lesson to read and be careful what wa read. There are truths yet to which we need conversion, and though the Psalmist says, "the entrance of thy word giveth light" and our hearts have been made to rejoice in the knowledge of a personal savior. We have not yet entered into the fulness of that light and beheld all the duties and responsibilities exhibited by its appearance. Then the greatest publication to which our thoughts can be directed, is the Bible, and though it may not be the business of this Association to publish this, it is the object. If your committee understands anything of the purpose of this body to dissiminate its teaching, and would recommend that it should be in every family, in every school room, at every place of business, the constant companion of every christian, till by a knowledge of its truths all be made to see, and are quickened, and made alive to christian activity. As help to an understanding of its doctrines, and of the great want in our own country, and of the pressing demand for labor, for the truth here and now, and of the dangers which threaten, would recommend to the churches of this Association, Southern Baptist Record, at Meridian, The Baptist, at Memphis, and the book entitled Our Country. To lift up the eyes upon the destitution in foreign lands, and what has been, and may be done there. Would advise the reading of Foreign Mission Journal, published by foreign mission board at Richmond, Va., and the book entitled Crisis of Missions. For use in Sabbath-schools Kind Words Publication, also a work of the Board. Earnestly recommend the study of these that our children may be helped to a knowledge of the truth.

We desire that the clerk superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of the Association, including the time and place of Union Meeting, Queries, and names of brethren to preach stated sermons, and prepare blank letters for use of church clerks, and that he be allowed the sum of $10.00 for his services.

Respt. submitted.

F. M. FERRELL.

Committee on Finance made the following report. On motion the report was adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amount sent up for minutes:

Antioch.....	$ 75	Amaziah.....	$1 75	Bluff Springs.....	$1 00
Abbeville....	90	Bethel L C...	25	Bay Springs.....	1 00
Bethel U C..	100	Cypress C'k..	70	Cherry Creek.....	3 25
Duncan Creek	1 00	Friendship...	80	Fredonia.....	50
Liberty.....	1 55	Mt Pisgan....	80	Macedonia.....	1 00
Mt Pleasant.	2 45	Midway.....	70	New Albsny.....	1 00
New Prospect	75	New Hope....	50	Old Oak Grove....	55
Oak grove...	1 40	Pleasant Hill.	1 40	Philadelphia.....	1 20
Piney Grove.	60	Poplar Spr'gs.	35	Spring Creek.....	1 15
Spring Hill.	1 35	Salem.....	1 10	Temperance Hill..	85
Shiloh.....	1 50	Toccopola	1 45	Turn Pike.....	40
Union.....	60	Zion Hill.....	50		
Total					$36 65

Respectfully submitted
J. T. COLEMAN, CHM'N.

Call for Treasurers report. Treasurer not being ready to report on motion proceeded to next order of business.

On motion the Association meet with Friendship Church, at its next meeting.

On motion a Committee of two were appointed to select preacher to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Committee J. W. Boatright, and F. Souter.

Treasurer made the following report:

On motion the report was adopted.

TREASURERS REPORT.

N. M. Berry Treasurer, in account with the Chickasaw Association.

		Dr.
Sept. 19,	To bal on hand per report.....	$41 20
Nov. 10,	To cash from La M. S. Cherry Creek....	10 00
Nov. 24,	" " " Amaziah.....	5 00
Dec. 6,	To cash from Zion Hill Ch.....	3 50
Dec. 12,	To cash from Cherry Creek Ch.....	57 50
1888		
Jan. 2,	To cash from Liberty Ch.....	12 75
Jan. 15,	To cash from Friendship Ch.....	16 35

Feb. 17, To cash from Bethel Ch. L. C.....	10 05
Feb. 17, To cash from Toccopola Ch.....	44 15
Feb. 17 To cash from Cherry Creek F. M.....	10 00
March 20, To cash from Oak Grove Ch. Bro Dodd.	2 50
April To cash from New Albany Ch. R. A. C.. .	23 25
April 4, To cash from Mt. Pleasant Ch. G. W. P..	30 00
April 11, To cash from La. M. S. New Albany.....	2 00
April 30, To cash from Toccopola Ch.....	1 55
April 30, To cash from Cypress Creek Ch.....	1 00
April 30, To cash from Bluff Springs Ch.....	1 00
April 30, To cash from Union Ch.....	1 85
April 30, To cash from Poplar Springs Ch. F. M..	2 20
April 30, To cash from Eld. Gosley, Ch.....	10
April 30, To cash from Spring Hill Ch.....	10 05
April 30, To cash from Turn Pike Ch.....	6 00
May 6, To cash from Mrs M M Smith.....	50
May 21, To cash from Shiloh Ch.....	10 80
May 21, To cash from Bluff Springs Ch.....	1 10
May 21, To cash from Col. Ch. near Friendship...	2 30
May 21, To cash from Cary Springs, Ch.....	40
May 21, To cash from New Hope Ch.....	3 40
May 21, To cash from Cherry Creek Col. Ch.....	40
May 21, To cash from Cherry Creek Ch.....	20 00
May 30, To cash from Sunbeams, N. Albany' F. M	7 11
June 16, To cash from Macedonia Ch.....	5 00
June 16, To cash from Col. Ch. Pleasant Grove...	2 00
July 15, To cash from Duncan Creek Ch. F M...	1 00
Sept 4, To cash from Duncan Creek Ch.....	5 30
Sept. 4, To cash from Poplar Springs Ch.....	2 75
Sept. 4, To cash from Spring Creek Ch.....	1 10
Sept. 6, To cash From Cherry Creek Ch.....	6 00
Sept. 6, To cash from Cherry Creek, S. B.....	2 50
Sept. 15, To cash from Liberty Ch.....	1 10
Sept. 15 To cash from Zion Hill Ch.....	5 00
Sept. 15, To cash from New Hope Ch.....	2 00
Sept. 15, To cash from Cypress Creek Ch.....	25
Sept. 15 To cash from Mt. Pisgah, F. M.....	5 00
Sept. 15, To cash from Oak grove Ch	28 35
Sept. 15, To cash from Pleasant Hill Ch.....	5 00
Sept 15, To cash from Spring Creek Ch. F. M...	3 25
Sept. 1a, To cash from Spring Creek Ch S. M....	2 85
Sept 15, To cash from Oak Grove Ch it Oct to Bro S	3 25
Sept. 15, To cash from Antioch F. M.....	1 00
Sept. 15, To cash from Antioch S. M.....	50
Con. for Minst'l Ed on q'l't by L. M. S. N. Alb'ny	12 55

To cash from Macedonia in Oct '87 to Bro St'w't 2 50
Sept. 17, To cash from Mt Pl'sn't per Eld G W P 2 50
Sept. 17, To cash from Philadelphia Ch G W P.. 2 75
Sept. 17, To cash from Baptist Col Ch..... 1 20
Sept. 17 To cash from Poplar Springs per W. B. C 4 40

Total.....$448.21

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1887				
Oct.	3.	By	Amount sent Treas N. M. B.....	$40 00
Nov.		By	cash sent F. M. B.....	10 00
Dec,		"	" B. W. Griffitth.....	66 00
1888				
Jan.	30	"	" "	
Feb.	25	"	" "	30 00
April	5,	"	"	54 20
"		"	" Foreign Mission Board.....	10 00
"		"	" Am. B. Pub. Soc.....	59 41
"		"	" Expense on same.....	12
"		"	" Paid for book W. L. S.....	7 40
May	3,	"	" Baptist book House.....	9 80
"	21	"	" Paid freight on book.....	
"		"	" Returned to W P Winter.....	3 65
"	21,	By	cash paid Ex. Charges on books.....	100
"		"	" " " "	
"		"	" Am. B. Pub. Soc.....	6 00
"		"	" J. T. Chastain for books.....	9 50
"		"	" Pd sent J. T. Chastain for Mis..	30 50
"		"	" Registration fees.....	25
June	14,		" Am. B. Pub. Soc.....	23 07
"		"	" Registration fees.....	12
"	16	"	" Freight on books.....	1 40
July	16,		" J T Chastain for books.....	9 50
Sept	6,	"	" Am. B. Pub. Soc.....	15 40
"	12	"	" Sent F. M. B for Bro Powell....	2 89
"		"	" Registration fee and postage....	12
"		"	" Sent to F. M. Board.....	7 11

Total.....$398 34
Bal on hand..... 49 87

Total.....$448 21

About $42 of the funds raised by the Ladies M. Society at Cherry Creek did not pas through my hands.

Respectfully submitted,
N. M. BERRY, TREAS.

Form of Church Letter.

_____ CHURCH.

To Chickasaw Association, GREETING:—We send as delegates to your Assembly.....

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P. O.....

Pastor.....

Ordained Ministers.....

Licentiates.....

STATISTICS:

Baptized.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Paid Pastor.....	Incidental Expenses
Received by Letter.....		P'd for State Missions.....	
	Died.....	Paid for For. Missions.....	.....
Restored.....	Total Membership.....		Excluded
P'd Miss. Col: & Min. Ed.....	Time Meet.....	Total for Dif. objects.....	.....

Remarks.....

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Approved in conference on.....day of.....188

.....*Mod.*

.....*Clerk.*

☞Clerks of Churches will please use this blank and oblige the Association.—CLERK.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by Let.	Died	Total Mem'ship	Paid Pastor	State Missions	For'gn Missions	Miss. Col. & Min. Ed'n	For Ch. Building	Total	Sab. of Meeting
Abbeville	J L Furguson	Abbeville	J W Davis, J L Logan, Joe Anderson	8	5	7		2	1	44	65 00					65 00	2&4
Amaziah	W R Farrow	Cornersville	Eld W C Gillen, L M Baker, J R Ruff, alt. W B West	6	1					29							2
Antioch	J P Rogers	Bethlehem	S A Webb, J H McCoy, W T Gadney, alt. J R Webb	3	2			16	2	102							4
Bay Springs	J R Johnson	Oxford	J H Fuller, John Littlejohn		8			2		18	18 00						1
Bethel, L. C	C W Smith	Oxford	W S Wooten, Joe Gibson	10	4		1	2		93	100 00	7 50	7 50		2 00	20 00	1
Bethel, U. C	H L Kidd	Esperanza	E Baker, J S Dyson, A J Williams	4	1	1	3	7	2	65	18 00					115 00	1
Bluff Springs	F M Vines	Denmark	J J Carter, W P Singleton, W H Miller, alt. W N Singleton.		2			4		46	47 35		1 10			18 00	2
Cary Springs																48 45	3
Cherry Creek	R A Cooper	Cherry Creek	J T Pitts, D C M Bigham, N M Berry, alt. W R Spencer	1	4			5	7	162	200 00	58 00	30 00	10 00	44 00	342 00	1
Cypress Creek	F M Ferrell	Liberty Hill	A R Owens, J W Gardner, J C Berry, alt. W C Butler	2		7	2	3	1	31	36 00		1 25			37 25	4
Duncan Creek	J T Pitts	Thaxton	W C Farrer, W P Hooker, D W Pile alt. W D. Dickson		7	2	3	1	1	95	71 70	2 50	3 65			78 25	3
Friendship	C W Smith	Cherry Creek	J P. Hill, Sam Duncan, E D Stevens		1		3	3	1	83	100 00	9 20	9 20			129 65	3
Fredonia	J T Pitts	Fredonia	J D McGraw, J T Buchanan, W Parks, alt. B F Smith					8	2	58	35 50	1 50	1 50		11 25	38 50	1
Liberty	I Smith	Fairview	W A Funk, B J Caldwell, M Huffstickler, alt. Willie Ball	16	1		1	8		95	80 00	50	13 35			111 45	2
Mt. Pleasant	G W Potter	Wallerville	G W Potter, I Smith, J F Coleman, alt. J G Kolb	12		1		5	2	147	82 05	16 50	16 50		17 60	115 05	1
Mt. Pisgah	C G Blount	Dardeu	J F Beard, L J Pickens. W Hancock, alt. J W Bullock.	2				12	2	95		5 00	5 00			10 00	2
Midway	F M Vines	Caswell	I N W Herring, P Duncan, K C Morgan	2	3		1	5		60							2
Macedonia	R J Pickens	Darden	W N Swain, S C Darden, J M Farrow, alt. J L Swain	10	9		1	1	1	67		2 50	2 50				2
Myrtle	R A Cooper	Myrtle	J W Riley, J T Swain, alt J T Baker		1					15	30 00					5 00	3
New Albany	R A Cooper	New Albany	R A Cooper, N J Treadway, W A Bratton, alt. H Marshall.	8	12	2	7			108	300 00	67 60	25 80	11 40	24 55	30 00	3
New Hope	W P Winter	Pontotoc	James Smith, J Wooten, J Fields	16	2		7			106		5 40			3 00	428 35	2&4
New Prospect	G I Robins	Esperanza	J R Warren, J H Wesson H L Kidd. alt. B T Hale	1	6			1		32						8 40	2
Oak Grove	R A Cooper	Myrtle	W C Beard, J H Dodds, alt. Perry Henry	5	2		1	6	1	92	125 00	17 00	8 40	8 50	100 85	100 85	4
Old Oak Grove	W P Hutch'son	Beulah	Chas Baker. Thos Campbell. C B Clark, alt. W A Day	8	9					26	40 00					158 90	3
Poplar Springs	F M Ferrell	Delay	W B Coleman, L Davis, J W Powell	19	4	1		6	1	96	73 50	2 75	2 20			40 00	1
Pleasant Hill	I Smith	Keownville	J B Reid, J B Robbins, John Glenn	5	3		1	8	4	143	47 00	5 00				78 45	2
Philadelphia	G W Potter	Walton	M D Wait, J W Loudermilk, H F Baker	3		1	2	8	3	104	45 00					52 00	4
Piney Grove	Jos Griffin	Toccopola	T J Carr, J H Rhea, B Anderson	11	2	1	2	1		72	18 00		1 15			45 00	3
Pleasant Dale					2			6	1	49						19 15	1
Salem	A J Gaines	Bethlehem	J H Morgan, John Rhea, H H Kirk														4
Shady Grove				3	6		1	7		84							
Shiloh	F M Vines	Lafayette Springs	F M Vines, J U Hampton, J H Welch alt G E Murphy	11	4	1	1	8		171	46 95	5 00	5 05		15 00	15 00	1
Spring Hill	W A Mayo	Pontotoc	R W Yarborough, J W Crawford, B L Moore	2	2		1	2	1	113						57 00	4
Spring Creek	A J Gaines	Waterford	A J Gaines, J T Brown, alt. J Bond				2		1	24	38 00						1
Temperance Hill	J D Morton	Holly Springs	J M Shabrick, T C Caldwell, J W Boatwright	13	11		2	15	1	98	132 50	20 00	25 00		12 55	50 55	3
Toccopola	C W Smith	Toccopola	C W Smith, F M Ferrell, W P Winter	22	23					65	65 00	6 00	9 10			177 50	2
Turnpike	W P Winter	Pontotoc	C W Conlee, W D Geter, J F Haney	1	8	1	1	4		61	12 00	2 50			177 40	257 50	1
Union	J L Furguson	Dallas	T V Harwell, J L Calfee, J L Ferguson	3		1		4	1	64	7 50	5 00				14 50	3
Zion Hill	I Smith	New Albany	Thos Wood, A L Stevens G W Whittington													12 50	1
				207	143	19	29	166	38	2864	1834 05	239 45	167 75	29 90	368 20	2669 35	—